



Date: October 14, 2005
To: Gerald R. Miller, City Manager
From: Katherine Parsons, Public Information Officer
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: City Report For Week Ending October 14, 2005

This *City Report* highlights various activities for the week ending October 14, 2005. I hope you will find this information useful. Please feel free to contact my staff should you have any questions.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIP #6

**Personal Preparedness: Be in the Know! Five Days of Self-Reliance
Elements to an Emergency Preparedness Plan**

Seniors and People with Disabilities

- Tell your neighbors if you cannot move well or quickly in an emergency, and make arrangements for someone to check on you.
- Talk with your personal attendant about their agency's plan for continued client services in an emergency.
- Check with your medical supply company about a backup power source, such as a battery pack or a generator, for all medical equipment requiring electrical power.

For a complete guide to planning and preparation, and Emergency Preparedness Tips #1-5, visit www.longbeach.gov.

NEWS UPDATE

Flu Vaccine: Health and Human Services

The City has approximately 3,000 doses of flu vaccine for Senior Clinics, which are scheduled to begin on October 25. The Immunization Clinic appointment line opened on October 10 and approximately 500 appointments have been made. The public is encouraged to make an appointment by calling 570.4270. The Senior Clinics are as follows:

October 25	Senior Center	November 10	Health Dept.
October 27	Houghton Park	November 15	Health Dept.
November 1	Gold Star Manor	November 17	Health Dept.
November 3	El Dorado Park	November 18	Cal Rec Center

NEWS UPDATE (continued)

Coyotes: Health and Human Services

Although coyotes are naturally afraid of humans, they may become a nuisance and attack pets. The City is urging residents to protect their children and pets by taking the following steps: do not feed coyotes or feral cats; feed your pets indoors or remove outdoor dishes when pets are finished; keep dogs on leash and small animals inside; avoid parks and rivers at dusk and dawn; and clear brush from property. Report wildlife threats and attacks to: State Department of Fish and Game at 562.342.7100; Health Department Animal Control Division at 562.570.7387; or, when in parks, Park Rangers at 562.570.1765. For more information on coyotes visit www.keepmewild.com.

Harbor Department

The Board of Harbor Commissioners has released for public review and comment the draft version of an environmental impact study on a proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal at the Port of Long Beach. Public hearings will be held on the following dates at 6 p.m.:

Nov. 14	City Council Chambers	Nov. 30	Millikan High School
Nov. 15	Jordan High School	Dec. 1	Cabrillo High School

Copies of the draft environmental impact study can be reviewed at the Port Administration Building, City Clerk's office and local libraries, or at www.polb.com.

MAJOR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

City Manager

Long Beach was featured in KTLA's Channel 5 Morning News Show on Thursday, October 13, broadcasting live from the upper level of the Pike, just south of the Cyclone Bridge. The anchors talked with Long Beach Mayor Beverly O'Neill, City Manager Jerry Miller and other guests from the Long Beach community. The news broadcast also featured the city's attractions and restaurants, as well as sports figures that grew up in the city.

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Maintenance Operations Bureau

On October 13, the Tim Salmon Pavilion was dedicated at Stearns Champions Park. Honoree Tim Salmon, of the Los Angeles Angels, was on hand for the dedication ceremony. Renovations were made possible by more than \$121,000 in donations to the Partners of Parks organization, including \$86,000 from Tim Salmon, \$20,786 from the Angels Care Organization, and \$15,000 from Home Depot.

Library Services

The Long Beach Public Library is mentioned as a "favorite memory" in last week's edition of *LA Weekly's Best of LA 2005*. In "God's Little Acre of Books; Où est la bibliothèque?" the author favorably mentions her hometown (Long Beach Civic Center) Library, and recalls her summers as a "14-year-old Cuban-American bookworm" in the temporary location on Atherton Street, after arson closed the old Carnegie library in 1970.

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MAJOR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

Health and Human Services

A *Community Connections* event linking the City's homeless population with services was held at the City's Multi-Service Center for the Homeless on October 13. The event was a resource fair, involving dozens of community agencies.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECTS

October is Arts Month

There are numerous events to choose from during Long Beach's annual arts celebration, from *High Drama: Eugene Berman and the Legacy of the Melancholic Sublime* at the Long Beach Museum of Art to George Carlin in concert at the Long Beach Performing Arts Center, hosted by the Arts Council for Long Beach. Visit www.artspca.org for details. A calendar of events is also featured in the City Hall Kiosk. See it today, and celebrate Arts Month!

Health and Human Services

The City of Long Beach is developing a strategic plan, *Within Our Reach: A Community Partnership to End Homelessness*, to prevent and end homelessness in Long Beach, and is holding a series of community Focus Group meetings to obtain public input. The next focus group meeting is on **October 19**, 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m., at West Facility, 2125 Santa Fe Avenue. Visit www.longbeach.gov for more information.

Health and Human Services

The department's *17th Annual Dale Shimizu Memorial Run/Walk* will be held on **October 22** in conjunction with a *Red Ribbon* Celebration to promote a drug free community. The run/walk will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Main Health Department Facility, with the *Red Ribbon* Awareness Week Health Fair immediately following from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event raises awareness to promote a drug free community. Information booths, giveaways, entertainment, and food will be available for residents to enjoy. For more information on the Dale Shimizu Memorial Run/Walk or Red Ribbon Celebration, please call 570.4100.

AWARDS

Police

The Police Athletic League (PAL) boxing team participated in the National PAL Boxing Championships held October 3-9 in Oxnard. Five Long Beach PAL boxers competed and two brought home silver medals. PAL membership is available to young people ages 7-17 who live in Long Beach and surrounding communities. The PAL facility at 1401 W. 9th Street offers boxing lessons to its members Monday through Friday from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. For more information please call 570.1383.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire

The Fire Department responded to a total of 1,328 emergency calls for service: 128 calls for fires, of which 8 involved structures; and 689 emergency medical calls, of which 505 required paramedics.

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PUBLIC SAFETY (continued)

Police

Citywide, police officers responded to 700 priority one, 1,536 priority two and 1,395 priority three calls for service, for a total of 3,631 responses.

The Traffic Section conducted a *warrant service operation*. Drivers who fail to appear in court after being arrested for driving under the influence or after receiving a traffic citation are issued warrants. Nineteen arrests were made during the operation. The operation is funded by a grant by the California Office of Traffic Safety.

The Police Department continues to combat the quality of life issue of prostitution within the city. Vice Detectives conducted a citywide prostitution sweep on October 12. Five prostitution-related arrests were made during the operation. Two suspects were also charged with sales of cocaine and a parole violation.

Health and Human Services

Fifty staff members attended training on October 11 for an upcoming exercise on medicine dispensing. The training was to help staff understand their roles in providing mass medicine dispensing to residents. Staff also reviewed the incident command system and how the department will interact with other City departments, County, State and Federal agencies in the event of a disaster.

NEIGHBORHOODS

City Manager, Human Dignity Program

The Long Beach Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force met Monday, October 10 to continue its development of strategies to achieve the Task Force directive. The Youth Opportunity Center's (YOC) outreach campaign, the final piece of a \$70,000 Pilot Project funded last year, is underway. The campaign will provide youth-driven messages about the facilitated education intervention, work experience, and employment services of the YOC. It will launch a three-tiered approach: two-sided rack cards for dissemination around the city, placement of inserts on LB Transit busses, and the creation of outdoor billboards. The messages were created through youth enrolled in the Workforce Development and a marketing consultant.

Community Development, Neighborhood Services Bureau

The Code Enforcement Division received a check from a resident who received the first \$1,000 citation for an illegal garage conversion. The Code Enforcement staff will continue to monitor this property to insure it remains a garage.

Long Beach Gas & Oil, Gas Services Bureau

Customers are reminded to schedule furnace pilot relighting appointments **now!** Customers can save time and avoid inconvenience by scheduling their pilot relighting before the winter season arrives. Residents and businesses that delay until the cold season hits can expect extended waits for this service. Appointments can be made by calling 570.5700, Monday through Friday, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or through the Long Beach Gas and Oil Department website at www.lbenergy.org.

NEIGHBORHOODS (continued)

Community Development, Neighborhood Services Bureau

On October 10, the Neighborhood Resource Center hosted a *Disaster Management Workshop*. Approximately 70 residents heard a presentation on the City's disaster plan given by City Disaster Management Officer Casey Chel. Police, Fire and the Health Department staff were provided information.

On October 6, staff from the Code Enforcement Division provided an update to the Central Project Area Committee about efforts to eliminate code enforcement violations on the Pacific Avenue Corridor. The PAC Members indicated that they are pleased to see positive changes on the business corridor and in the South Wrigley Neighborhood.

Community Development, Neighborhood Services Bureau

On October 6, 35 residents of Willmore neighborhood attended a potluck at the Willmore Community Police Center to welcome Retired Corporal Jerry Lomeli to the Police Center and to neighborhood. Corporal Lomeli is a 30-year veteran of the Long Beach Police Department and since retiring has been working part-time with the Police Department on various assignments – most recently assisting residents in the Willmore neighborhood with public safety related issues.

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Planning and Development Bureau

The new block wall on the west side of Grace Park, corner of Plymouth Street and Elm Avenue, is complete. Approximately 2,000 cubic yards of soil have been imported to the park site and grading should be completed this week.

Curbs and gutters have been installed on the north side of 7th Street, where the bike path from the LARIO Trail, along the Los Angeles River, through the north end of Cesar E. Chavez Park will join the on-street bike path through Downtown Long Beach. Base material is being imported and laid down for the portion of the bike path that will go underneath 6th Street.

Police

Operation Chill is underway in Long Beach. Long Beach Police Officers will issue "tickets" to 1,000 youth that are observed doing good deeds or exhibiting positive behavior. The "ticket" is a coupon for a free 12-ounce Slurpee redeemable at a participating 7-Eleven store. 7-Eleven stores throughout the United States and Canada started the idea for *Operation Chill*.

Library Services

The annual *Library Card Campaign for First Graders* concluded in August 2005 and resulted in 2,794 first graders activating new library cards. The outreach also targeted graduating kindergarten students and more than 1,600 kindergarten students activated new cards. Forty percent of Long Beach first graders and 26 percent of Long Beach kindergarteners now possess personal library cards. The campaign is a partnership project between the Library, Long Beach Unified School District, and the Library Foundation.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Special Events and Filming Bureau

20th Century Fox, with a cast and crew of 125, filmed a feature film *Garfield 2*, on 1st Street on October 6, 9, and 10.

Columbia Pictures, with a cast and crew of 75, filmed a TV production *CSI Miami*, on October 6, 7 and 11.

Columbia Pictures, with a cast and crew of 150, filmed a feature film *Click*, in the Sunnyside Cemetery on October 10 and 11.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

Long Beach Gas & Oil, Gas Services Bureau

From October 2 through October 8, staff completed a total of 3,170 service calls. This total included 1,091 Gas and Water Utility Turn Ons, and 831 Turn Offs. During this period, 951 Customer Service Orders were completed for services that included lighting pilots, adjusting and inspecting appliances, completing fumigation orders, and verifying read orders. A total of 297 meter maintenance and billing-related orders were completed. In addition, Gas Control/Dispatch (24/7 operation) received 435 emergency phone calls that resulted in 142 emergency orders being sent out.

Public Works Construction Projects To Be Awarded

7th Street – Junipero to Redondo

10th Street – Cherry to Orange

Cherry Avenue – Spring to 32nd

Cherry Avenue – Wardlow to Bixby

El Dorado Nature Center Bridge – ADA and Structural Improvements

Public Works Construction Projects Currently Under Construction

Spring Street – Long Beach Blvd to Atlantic

Orange Avenue – Spring to San Diego Freeway

Long Beach Blvd – Ellis to Artesia Blvd

Citywide Local Street Program – Group 1

Citywide Local Street Program – Group 2

Downtown Bikeway Connection

2nd Street Bridge Painting – at Marine Stadium

Clark Street – Spring to Wardlow

Marina Vista Park – ADA improvements

Pump Stations SD1, SD3, SD4, SD5 and SD 6 – Storm drain pollution trap nets

Public Works, Engineering, Street Landscaping Division

In the month of September

- 1,156 trees trimmed
- 49 trees removed
- 62 tree stumps removed

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE (continued)

Public Works, Engineering, Maintenance Division

In the month of September:

- 313 street potholes (5,101 sq. ft.) repaired
- 59 sidewalk patches at 27 locations
- 2 sidewalk replacements (480 sq. ft.) at 2 locations
- 854 potholes repaired (14,377 sq. ft.) at 101 alley locations

Public Works, Street Improvements

Contact: 570-5160

La Perla Ave.	El Mirador Ave. to El Cedral St.
College Circle	Atherton frontage full circle
Keynote St.	Rutgers Ave. to Bellflower frontage
Maine Ave.	Spring St. to 31st St.
Freeland St.	California St. to Cerritos Ave.
Scott St.	Rahn Ave. to Long Beach Blvd.
Shipway Ave.	Los Santos Dr. to Point North of Los Santos Dr.
Orange Ave.	11th street to point North of 11th St.
17th St.	Long Beach Blvd. to Linden Ave.
Freeman Ave.	8th St. to 10th St.
Eucalyptus Ave.	20th St. to Hill St.

Estimated completion: October 2005

Anaheim St.	Alamitos Ave to St. Louis Ave.
Clark Ave.	Spring St. to Wardlow Rd.

Estimated Completion: November 2005

Del Amo Blvd.	Los Angeles River to Long Beach Blvd.
Artesia Blvd.	West of Long Beach Blvd. to Harbor St.
Atlantic Ave.	North of Artesia Blvd. to a point North of 68th St.
Cherry Ave.	North of Artesia Blvd. to 70th St.
Artesia Blvd.	East of Obispo Ave. to Downey Ave.

Estimated Completion: December 2005

Long Beach Water, Alley Service Lateral Conversion

Contact: 570. 2326

Cedar Ave.	E. Burnett St. to Hill St.
Chestnut Ave.	E. Burnett St. to Hill St.
Pasadena Ave.	E. Burnett St. to Pacific Electric Railroad
Linden Ave.	E. Burnett St. to 25 th Way

Estimated Completion: April 2006

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